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2 1. (Previously Presented) A method for upgrading documents for processing by
3 processing functionality, comprising:

4 inputting a structured document having particular editing controls associated
5 therewith into a particular version of the processing functionality;

6 determining whether each of the particular editing controls matches a set of
7 expected editing controls associated with the particular version of the processing
8 functionality; and

9 modifying the particular editing controls of the input structured document so that
10 the particular editing controls match the set of expected editing controls to thereby
11 provide a modified structured document.

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13 2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:

14 transforming the modified structured document into another document suitable for
15 presentation;

16 displaying the other document suitable for presentation using the processing
17 functionality to provide a displayed document; and

18 editing the displayed document.

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20 3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the input structured
21 document is expressed in a markup language that uses tags pertaining to subject matter
22 fields in the input structured document.

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24 4. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the input structured
25 document is expressed in the extensible markup language (XML).

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2 5. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the other document
3 suitable for presentation is expressed in a markup language that uses tags pertaining to
4 visual features associated with the presentation of the other document.

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6 6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein the other document
7 suitable for presentation is expressed in the hypertext markup language (HTML).

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9 7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the modifying uses an
10 upgrade module that provides a transformation function using extensible stylesheet
11 language (XSL).

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13 8. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the other document
14 suitable for presentation comprises an electronic form having at least one user data entry
15 field therein.

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17 9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the
18 determining of whether each of the particular editing controls matches a set of expected
19 editing controls associated with the particular version of the processing functionality
20 comprises:

21 determining whether the input structured document contains each editing controls
22 expected by the particular version of the processing functionality.

1 10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the
2 modifying of the particular editing controls of the input structured document to produce
3 the modified structured document comprises:

4 creating each editing controls expected by the particular version of the processing
5 functionality to provide created editing controls;

6 copying editing controls content from the input structured document into
7 corresponding created editing controls in the modified structured document for those
8 editing controls in the input structured document that have counterpart editing controls
9 expected by the particular version of the processing functionality; and

10 creating default editing controls content in corresponding editing controls in the
11 modified structured document for those created editing controls that do not have
12 counterpart editing controls in the input structured document.

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14 11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the
15 determining of whether each of the particular editing controls matches a set of expected
16 editing controls associated with the particular version of the processing functionality
17 comprises:

18 determining whether the input structured document lacks editing controls that
19 were previously classified as optional but are no longer classified as optional in the
20 particular version of the processing functionality.

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22 12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the
23 modifying of the particular editing controls of the input structured document to produce
24 the modified structured document comprises:

1 creating new editing controls in the modified structured document providing that
2 the new editing controls are lacking in the input structured document and providing that
3 the new editing controls are required in the particular version of the processing
4 functionality although considered optional by its schema.

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6 13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the
7 expected editing controls are specified by a schema associated with the particular version
8 of the processing functionality.

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10 14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the
11 expected editing controls are specified by some information other than a schema
12 associated with the particular version of the processing functionality.

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14 15. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the input structured
15 document corresponds to a markup language document generated by an earlier version of
16 the processing functionality compared to the particular version.

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18 16. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the input structured
19 document corresponds to a markup language document generated by a later version of the
20 processing functionality compared to the particular version.

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22 17. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the modifying is
23 performed using an upgrade module, and wherein the upgrade module is developed
24 without knowledge of any requirements of any input structured document.

1 18. (Previously presented) The method according to claim1, wherein modifying
2 of the particular editing controls of the input structured document to produce the
3 modified structured document comprises:

4 creating new editing controls in the modified structured document providing that
5 the new editing controls are lacking in the input structured document and providing that
6 the new editing controls are required in the particular version of the processing
7 functionality.

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9 19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein modifying
10 of the particular editing controls of the input structured document to produce the
11 modified structured document comprises:

12 omitting from the modified structured document existing editing controls in the
13 input structured document that are not required in the particular version of the processing
14 functionality.

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16 20. (Previously Presented) A method for generating an upgrade module for
17 upgrading documents for processing by processing functionality, comprising:

18 determining whether a particular version of the processing functionality has been
19 created that warrants generation of the upgrade module; and

20 generating the upgrade module if the creation of the particular version warrants
21 the generation of the upgrade module, wherein the upgrade module is configured to
22 modify an input structured document having particular editing controls associated
23 therewith to create an updated document which conforms to a set of expected editing
24 controls associated with the particular version of the processing functionality.

1 21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the upgrade module is formed
2 using the extensible stylesheet language (XSL).

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4 22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the updated
5 upgrade module is configured to create new editing controls in the input structured
6 document such that the updated document conforms to the set of expected editing
7 controls associated with the particular version of the processing functionality.

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9 23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the update
10 upgrade module is configured to omit editing controls in the input structured document
11 from updated document such that the updated document conforms to the set of expected
12 editing controls associated with the particular version of the processing functionality.

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14 24. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for processing documents, comprising:
15 an upgrade module configured to modify an input structured document having
16 particular features associated therewith so that the input structured document conforms to
17 a set of expected editing controls associated with a particular version of the apparatus, to
18 thereby produce a modified structured document; and
19 a transformation module configured to transform the modified structured
20 document into another document suitable for presentation.

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22 25. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for generating an upgrade module for
23 upgrading documents for processing by processing functionality, comprising:
24 logic configured to determine whether a particular version of the processing
25 functionality has been created that warrants generation of the upgrade module; and

1 logic configured to generate the upgrade module if the creation of the particular
2 version warrants the generation of the upgrade module, wherein the upgrade module is
3 configured to modify an input structured document having particular editing controls
4 associated therewith to create an updated document which conforms to a set of expected
5 editing controls associated with the particular version of the processing functionality.

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7 **26. (Previously Presented)** A computer readable medium having stored thereon
8 an information structure, comprising:

9 an upgrade module information structure configured to modify an input structured
10 document having particular editing controls associated therewith so that the input
11 structured document conforms to a set of expected editing controls associated with a
12 particular version of a processing apparatus, to thereby produce a modified structured
13 document; and

14 a transformation module information structure configured to transform the
15 modified structured document into another document suitable for presentation.